

Buffalo, Dec. 25, 1862.

My dear Sir:

A few more last words
of Mr. Robinson - touching that Espalatro
- and there shall be an end of it.

I began botanizing last Spring, in
utter ignorance of what had been
done by Botanists during the previous
32 years.

Some years ago I bought Wood's
class Book of Botany, for my
daughter, hoping that she would
imibe a taste for Botany - but
she did not.

I used that Book, and only
that Book, until late in the
Summer. I then purchased
his latest edition, the last
edition of your Manual -
Chapman's Southern Flora -

and have ever since used &
depended upon your Manual.

When I found *Equisetum palustre*,
I was using Wood's edn of 1855. In
that he describes *E. palustre*. &
states its habitat, as "Marshes.
Common." I supposed it was
common - whence my indifference,
& the entry in my journal.

In his last edn Wood drops
the species: It is not in your
book - & the plants being dried
& put away - I forgot all about
it.

Yours very truly,

L. W. Chittenden.

Prof. Asa Gray.